

Bus Stop Safety Tips for Students

SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU!



Getting Ready for School

- Put everything in your backpack or school bag so that you don't drop things along the way.
- Arrive at your bus stop **ten minutes** early.

Walking to the Bus Stop

- If an adult does not walk you to your bus, walk in groups with other children if you can. There is safety in numbers. Groups are easier for drivers to see.
- If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.
- Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing at driveways.

Waiting at the Bus Stop

- Don't play running games or push and shove at the bus stop. It is dangerous near traffic.
- Make sure you stand at least 10 feet (5 giant steps) from the road while waiting for the bus so you are away from traffic.
- If your bus stop is on a corner of another person's property, be courteous and never leave litter behind.

Getting On and Off the Bus

- **ALWAYS** cross in front of the bus, **NEVER** behind. Make sure that you are at least 10 feet (five giant steps) ahead of the bus before crossing. When crossing in front of the bus, **you should be able to maintain eye contact with the driver.**
- Do not cross a street until the bus has come to a **COMPLETE** stop, the **RED** stop lights will be on and the driver will signal when it is safe to cross. **NOT all drivers stop for school bus lights** so always look to the right and left to make sure all traffic has come to a complete stop before stepping into the roadway. Always cross in front of the bus at a distance so you can see the driver and the driver can see you.
- If you drop something, **NEVER** pick it up. Instead, tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions. If you bend over to pick up a dropped object, you might not be seen by the driver and could be hurt if the driver pulls away from the stop. **NEVER CRAWL UNDER THE BUS FOR ANYTHING!**
- Make sure when **exiting** the bus on the trip home you **look to the right** before stepping off the bus. **Impatient drivers may try to pass the bus on the right.** Again make sure to cross in front of the bus and maintain eye contact with driver.
- **Never** walk close to the side of the bus. Always keep a distance between you and the bus.
- **Do not** have any strings hanging from jackets or sweatshirts. Hanging items can get stuck in the door of the bus and put you in danger.
- **Do not** walk near the bus or close to the street while talking or texting on a cell phone.

